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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO FINAL REJECTION

In response to the final rejection mailed July 13, 1998, please amend the above-referenced patent application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please amend claim 1 as follows:

1. (Twice Amended) A device for retaining a prosthesis within a body passage [having a diameter] comprising [a substantially] an annular, resilient element, [said element being movable between an undeformed state wherein said element has having an undeformed diameter greater than the diameter of said body passage, and a deformed state wherein said element is partially folded and has a diameter smaller than when in said undeformed state, said element being in said deformed state when retaining said prosthesis in said body passage] wherein said element is formed by overlapping a plurality of windings of wire around a common core and connecting the windings together to form a bundle.

Claim 5, line 1 delete "4" and insert in lieu thereof --1--.

Please amend claim 12 as follows:

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